IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tadashi OGASAWARA et al.

Art Unit: 1793

Spplication No.: 10/575,225

Examiner: McGuthry Banks, T.

Filed: April 7, 2006

Attorney Dkt. No.: 12054-0056

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING Ti OR Ti ALLOY THROUGH REDUCTION BY Ca

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 19, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2008, please amend the application as set forth below.